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AND METHOD OF  
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HOLDING DEVICE

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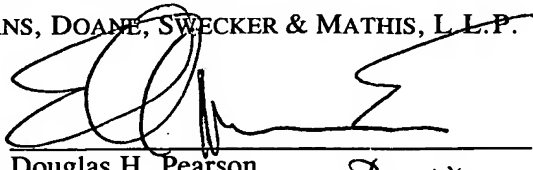
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,411,746 to Chamberlain et al., issued June 25, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 5,717,803 to Yoneda et al., issued February 10, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,671,315 to Tabuchi et al., issued September 23, 1997; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-292383, issued November 5, 1996.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

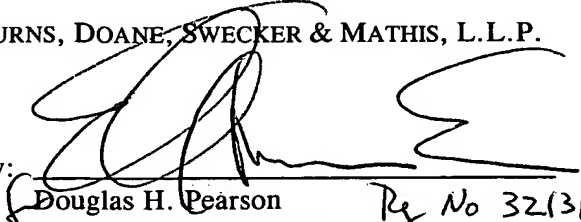
To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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